

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
MAY 23, 2006**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Victor Knies called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	absent
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. Building Commissioner David Seger was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. Two of the three board members were present; which constitutes a majority, therefore there was a quorum for the meeting. She also reported that at the last meeting on May 9, 2006, Mayor Schmitt had designated Victor Knies as the presiding officer for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Victor Knies invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 9, 2006. A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

STORM SEWERS – ACKERMAN COMMERCIAL PARK

Ken Brosmer, Brosmer Land Surveying, representing Ackerman Oil, presented a diagram and a map of Ackerman Commercial Park. He requested installing three storm sewer inlets on the west side of Lube Way. He said he had spoken with Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle concerning pipe and grate size and installation requirements. He said there is curb and gutter on the street but no storm sewer drainage.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to Ackerman Oil to install three storm sewer inlets on Lube Way in Ackerman Commercial Park. Motion passed 2-0.

INDIANA BIKEFEST 2006

Dave Kunz, representing the Indiana Bicycle Coalition, was present. Mr. Kunz requested use of Shelter House #3 and the Dave Buehler Plaza on Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, 2006 for Indiana BikeFest 2006 activities. He said the

facilities would be used for an Ice Cream Social on Saturday and a rest stop on Sunday. He said the BikeFest would run through the Labor Day weekend. He said he expected at least 100 to 150 people.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to Indiana BikeFest 2006 to use Shelter #3 and the Dave Buehler Plaza on Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3, 2006. Motion passed 2-0.

STRASSENFEST 2006

Al Keller, Chairman of Strassenfest Committee for 2006 and Ron Flick, Chairman of Strassenfest Committee in 2007 and 2008 were present. Mr. Keller gave an update on the plans for this year’s Strassenfest which will be held August 3, 4, 5 and 6. He said this year’s theme would be centered on the area’s woodworking industry and that Phil Gramelspacher had agreed to be this year’s Grand Marshall. Because certain sections of the ordinance pertaining to signs were amended, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein advised Mr. Keller to stop by the Planning department to obtain the updated sign information in particular the placement of banners on buildings.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported for publication the names of property owners that had been cited under section 5.12.040, weed removal/ notice. The names and property locations were as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location of Lot</u>
Harold & Dorothy Moody	117 Oakmount Ct. (2 nd Notice)
Diamond G. Properties	Realty Park Add., Lot 20 and part of 19
Eike Bridge	805 Newton Street
Robt. & Mary J. Durcholz	Red Oaks Estates, Lots 10, 11, and 12
Edith Soellner	2356 Stacey Lane
Brian & Karla Neukam	.93 acres along 2 nd Ave.
Diane Birkle	1330 Leopold St.
Daniel & Joy Voight	Maurice De St. Palais 3 rd Add, Part of Lots 47 & 48
Jason & Carla Moore	1.20 acres along Truman Road

REPORTS

Pipe Replacement. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented photos and a video of the 60” storm sewer pipe that has collapsed near South Newton Street. Eckerle was not sure of what could have caused the damage, but he said the pipe was built to withstand pressure. Thomas Schmidt said it looked as though it had been done by a machine.

Railroad Crossings. Street Commissioner Eckerle reported that Dubois County Railroad has agreed to help the City improve three railroad crossings this summer, one at 15th Street, one at Clay near First Street, and the other one on Clay Street by Jasper Salvage. He said Dubois County Railroad will supply the rails and timbers and the City will supply the asphalt and the rubber joints. He said there have been many complaints about the condition of the crossings.

Mill Street and Truman Road Projects. Street Commissioner Eckerle related that both projects are progressing.

Paving Report. Street Commissioner Eckerle gave an update on the paving projects.

ONE-TON TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SPREADER

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle requested permission to start the process to purchase a new one-ton truck with plow and spreader. He said he had budgeted to trade-in Truck 4 when purchasing the new truck and equipment, but with all the additional annexations, the street department needs to keep Truck 4.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given for the street commissioner to start the process to seek quotes for a new one-ton truck with plow and spreader. Motion passed 2-0.

PATCHING MATERIALS INCREASE

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that J. H. Rudolph has increased their costs for milling and asphalt and will probably increase again before the end of the season.

WEDDING ON RIVERWALK

Police Chief Richard Gunselman reported that Aaron Zink, phone number (812)661-2210, has requested using a horse drawn carriage from his wedding at the Gazebo at the Dave Buehler Plaza to his reception at Sultan's Run on Saturday, June 24, 2006. The police chief stated that he was unable to find anything in an ordinance that would require approval for the request. During discussion, Victor Knies noted that approval would only, therefore, be needed to use the Gazebo by the River Walk.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to Aaron Zink and his bride to use the Gazebo at the Dave Buehler Plaza on Saturday, June 24, 2006. Motion passed 2-0.

TELECOMMUNICATOR TESTING SOFTWARE

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented a quote from CitiCall for a CitiCall Software Testing package for testing telecommunicator applicants. He explained that when administering tests to telecommunicator applicants, it costs \$1,200.00 each time a person comes from the Institute for Public Personnel to administer the test. This software would be a one-time cost, but could be used indefinitely. The quote was as follows:

CitiCall Software CD-Rom	\$1,995.00
Shipping & handling	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Total Value	\$2,015.00

Gunselman said the test can be modified and is adaptable. He said this item was in the budget for this year and requested purchasing the package so that the police department can use that test for telecommunicators from now on.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to accept the quote of \$2,015.00 from CitiCall Software CD-Rom. Motion passed 2-0.

Comment. Police Chief Gunselman related that he had spoken to the Mayor about this item and that the Mayor was in favor of the purchase.

FIRE EQUIPMENT TESTING

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that the aerial trucks and ground ladders have all been tested, but the amount for testing was higher than the \$2,542.25 originally requested. He said he had overlooked one 10' ladder, which would increase the amount by \$21.50, making the grand total \$2,563.75. He said all trucks and ladders had passed inspection.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to increase the amount for testing the aerial fire trucks and ladders from \$2,542.25 to \$2,563.75. Motion passed 2-0.

Reports. City Engineer Chad Hurm gave updates on the Mill Street Project and the Portersville Road Project. He explained that there had been a holdup on the Performance Bonds and Payment Bonds for the Portersville Road Project, but all are now in order and he gave the Notice to Proceed as of today.

EASEMENTS

City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein presented the following easement for acceptance and approval:

Grant of Public Sanitary Sewer Easements

Steve W. Stenftenagel and Deandra S. Stenftenagel – Part of the NW ¼ of S7, T2S, R4W for Christian Church of Jasper.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve and accept the easement as listed above. Motion passed 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Victor J. Knies
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary